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Source of Fluorolubes Sought by the Soviet Union

1. Information is forwarded on a particular trade deal of the Soviet Trade Commission, VIENNA, Austria, to obtain high temperature-acid resistant fluorolubes from a United States firm, using an Austrian firm as a middle man. The US firm, that the deal is directed against, is the Hooker Electro-Chemical Company of Niagara Falls, New York.

2. The Source of the information contained in this IR is the chief chemist for an Austrian POL firm. The firm's president is the Austrian go-between on all POL matters dealing with the Soviet Trade Commission, VIENNA, Austria. The information in this report was gleaned from a letter, dated 9 March 1957, sent to the Hooker Electro-Chemical Company, Niagara Falls, New York. It was a letter of inquiry written by the Austrian firm's president.

3. This information will be of background interest only to AFOIN-4 (ATIC).

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1. The Source of the information contained in this IR is the chief chemist for an Austrian POL firm. The firm's president is the Austrian go-between on all POL matters dealing with the Soviet Trade Commission, VIENNA, Austria. The Austrian firm, on many occasions during the past year, has been utilized as a middle man by the Soviet/Satellite nations to conduct various trade dealings. The information in this report was gleaned from a letter of inquiry, dated 9 March 1957, directed to the Hooker Electro-Chemical Company, Niagara Falls, New York.

2. The Soviet Trade Commission, VIENNA, Austria, was directed to secure a source of supply of fluorolubes. The Trade Commission requested their Austrian go-between to find and to purchase up to 200 tons of fluorolubes. Fluorolubes are lubricants which are thermally stable up to $300^{\circ}C$ and are not effected by concentrated acids and/or oxidizing agents. The Trade Commission informed the Austrian firm that these lubricants are necessary and urgently needed to carry out experiments in the Soviet Union.

3. The Austrian firm has sent a letter of inquiry to the Hooker Electro-Chemical Company, Niagara Falls, New York, dated 9 March 1957.

4. The Source of this information is a tested Source and much of his information, in the past, has been proven accurate by cross-checking. If this deal on fluorolubes goes thru between the Austrian and US firm, the lubricants will most certainly end up in the support of some Soviet research and development program.

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